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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REFERENCES 25X1

PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

CB - Converted Boxcar
B - Boxcar
F - Flatcar
G - Gondola Car
RRyn- Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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troop trains in April 1954:

Date in April	Number of Cars	From	To	
undetermined	3 F, 6 F	Halle-South	Donndorf	25X1
	22 B, 35 F	"	Lossa	1
5	6 cars	Dessau	Haldensleben	2
26	56 cars	Dessau	"	2
	35 "	"	Wolmirstedt	
25	35 "	Angersdorf	Donndorf	1
	21 "	"	"	1
9	13 "	Cottbus	Coswig	2
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10	1 B, 3 F	"	Jueterbog;)
	1 B, 4 F	"	Jueterbog;) 25X1
			Jueterbog;) 25X1
20	1 B, 4 F	"	Weisswasser;	
				25X1
24	5 B, 8 F	"	Jueterbog	4

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27	2 B, 5 RPym	Cottbus	Peitz) 5	25X1
28	84 axles	"	Peitz)	25X1

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2. Troop trains from the direction of Cottbus passing through the Muellrose railroad station toward Frankfurt/Oder on 9 and 12 May included: a train of 10 B, 40 F with 40 x 57-mm AT guns and 40 trucks on 9 May; and another train of 10 B, 40 F with vehicles and equipment on 12 May.
3. Troop trains [redacted] on 11 May included: a train of 3 CB, 2 B, 10 F, [redacted] from Werneuchen to Brandis;⁶ another train of 24 F from Werneuchen to Neubukow;⁷ and a third train of 2 CB, 33 B, 8 F from Finsterwalde to Werneuchen.⁶
4. On 13 May, 40 converted boxcars, 14 kitchen cars, and three trains of 60 transit-worthy boxcars each were to be made available by the railroad carpentry shop Rummelsburg. 8 25X1
5. Troop trains from Klausau to Wustermark on 14 and 15 May included: a train of [redacted] on 14 May; and another train [redacted] on 15 May. 9 25X1
6. Troop trains passing through the Satzkorn railroad station en route to Elstal between 10 and 17 May included: a train of 27 B, 12 G with seven jet aircraft from Altenburg on 10 May; another train of 48 B, 5 G with two jet aircraft from Leipzig (?) on 13 May; and a third train of 27 B with six tank trucks and trucks from Klausau on 17 May. 9

1. [redacted] Comment. In April 1954, probably units of the 21st Gds Mech Div moved from the Halle-South and Angersdorf railroad stations to the Lopen troop training grounds for further combat firing practice and field exercise. The movement from Halle to the summer camp at the above troop training grounds started as late as about 3 May 1954. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The movement to the summer camp in the southern sector of Letzling Heath lasted from 24 to 27 April 1954 with Meinsdorf, Rosslau, Dessau and Zerbst as dispatching stations and totaled 32 troop trains; 2 additional trains with rear details went from Dessau to Maldensleben on 7 May 1954. The movement of the 7th Gds Tank Div to Letzling Heath between 14 and 19 April 1953 also included 32 trains. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. On 9 April 1954, the loading of elements of the 82nd Engr Bn of the 9th Mech Div at the Cottbus railroad station was observed by another source. [redacted] The area of Coswig-Apollendorf is the training area on the northern bank of the Elbe River for engineer units of the Third Gds Mech Army. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. On and after 10 April 1954, combat firing practices by tank details of all four divisions of the Third Gds Mech Army apparently were held in two periods, including a period from 10 to about 16 April, and another period from 20 April up to the end of the month. Several sources observed pertinent troop trains, and loadings and unloadings which probably were connected with the above combat firing practices. [redacted] 25X1

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5. Comment. The troop trains carried units of the 9th Mesh Div to the Schoenhoehe summer camp, northeast of Peitz. The information was confirmed by previous observations at Cottbus. 25X1
6. Comment. The troop train from Werneuchen to Brandis, and the troop train from Finsterwalde to Werneuchen are indicative of a possible transfer of rear details of the bomber corps. Pertinent observations were made by another source. 25X1
7. Comment. The troop train probably carried an air force AAA unit to Wustrow for combat firing practice. 25X1
8. Comment. Compare with pertinent observations by another source on the dispatching of empty railroad cars to Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder on 14, 15 and 16 May 1954. 25X1
9. Comment. The troop trains and the troop trains which passed through Satahorn probably carried the fighter regiment Altenburg to Doeberitz airfield. See also the troop train from Klaus to Wusternark. 25X1

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